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SUBJECT: U.S. PROTEST OVER USE OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES

AS STAGING POINTS FOR SOVIET/CUBAN AIRLIFT

TO ANGOLA

REF: 75 STATE 300227, 75 BAMAKO 4730, 75 BAMAKO 4794

1. IN RECENT DAYS BOTH OUMAR MAKALOU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET, AND SEYDOU TRAORE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, HAVE TOLD ME THAT OUR DEMARCHE ON THE USE OF BAMAKO AIRPORT BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM ANGOLA (BAMAKO 4730) WAS VERY BADLY RECEIVED. IT WAS VIEWED AS AN ATTEMPT TO DICTATE MALI'S FOREIGN POLICY AND CONSEQUENTLY TO QUESTION MALI'S RIGHT TO CONDUCT ITS OWN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS IT RECOGNIZES AS IT SEES FIT. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO TRAORE, THE GOM CAME CLOSE TO REFUSING TO RECEIVE THE DEMARCHE. TRAORE SAID THAT QTE EVEN YOUR FREINDS HAD TO BACK AWAY AFTER THAT END QTE. TRAORE CONTINUED THAT, FOLLOWING OUR SERIES OF DEMARCHES ON PUERTO RICO, KOREA, AND KANTE'S OFFENSIVE U.N. SPEECH, THE GOM HAD DECIDED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REPAIR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., AND WERE IN FACT PLANNING TO REPLACE KANTE, PRESENT MALIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. AND U. N., BUT NOW THEY HAD DECIDED TO LEAVE HIM IN PLACE. THAT STATEMENT TIES IN WITH MAKALOU'S CONVERSATION WITH ME ABOUT HIS POSSIBLY BEING NAMED AMBASSADOR (BAMAKO 0172), AN IDEA WHICH HAS APPARENTLY FALLEN

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THROUGH.

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MALI HAVE SUFFERED FOLLOWING THIS DEMARCHE. FOR EXAMPLE, FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE IN L'ESSOR HAS DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY. BECAUSE OF THE RESTRICTIVE TREATMENT OF THAT DEMARCHE, AND THE RESPONSE THERETO, HOWEVER, WE FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO REPORT ACCURATELY MALIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE U.S. WITHOUT REFERRING TO THAT INCIDENT. SINCE EVERYONE IN THE MALIAN GOVERNMENT, AND MOST OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN BAMAKO KNOW ABOUT IT, THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE REASON TO MAINTAIN THE REPORTING AS NODIS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT STATE 300227, BAMAKO 4730, AND BAMAKO 4794, AND THIS TELEGRAM, BE LOWERED FROM NODIS TO THE LOWEST FEASIBLE DISTRIBUTION INDICATOR.  
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